

AOSIS TEXTUAL INPUT ON THE 2013-2015 REVIEW

Framing elements

Recalling the ultimate objective of the Convention, contained in its Article 2,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17,

Noting in particular paragraph 4 of decision 1/CP.16, which recognized the need to consider strengthening the long-term goal temperature goal of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2°C above pre-industrial levels on the basis of the best available scientific knowledge, including in relation to a global average temperature rise of 1.5°C, and that this will require:

- Collection of data relating to observed and projected impacts of climate change, including impacts associated with warming of 1.5°C or 2°C;

- Analysis of these impacts and an assessment of factors relevant to whether the observed current and projected impacts would constitute dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system.

Noting further that any assessment of the adequacy of the long-term temperature goal must be underpinned by robust science and that the scientific integrity of the Review will determine its success.

Further definition of the scope of the review

Option 1:

In accordance with paragraph 138 of decision 1/CP.16 the review must address the adequacy of the long-term global goal, in the light of the ultimate objective of the Convention, and overall progress towards achieving it, in accordance with the relevant principles and provisions of the Convention;

Further definition of the expert consideration of inputs

Information gathering phase

Requests the subsidiary bodies, beginning in 2013 till the end of 2014, to gather and compile information relevant for conducting the Review, including the sources listed in paragraph 161 of decision 2/CP.17;

Also requests the subsidiary bodies to identify information gaps and, where necessary, make requests for the preparation of additional inputs and studies that would be useful for conducting the Review.

Requests the subsidiary bodies to make full and updated compilations of "information from various sources" available to the review expert group at regular intervals, beginning in late 2013 in order to inform the initial work of the review expert group in early 2014.

Technical assessment and preparation of synthesis report phase

Option 1:

Decides to establish a review expert group to provide technical support to the Review in its technical assessment and preparation of synthesis report phase, and requests the review expert group to:

(a) commence its substantive work no later than early 2014, noting that by April 2014, all of the IPCC Working Group Reports will be publicly available;

(b) meet as many times as necessary, including intersessionally, in order to complete its work and make its assessment/synthesis report available for consideration by the ADP in early 2015 in order to inform final negotiations on a new Protocol under the Convention;

Requests the Secretariat to organize the meetings of the review expert group, to support its work, and to disseminate its work product as required.